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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/129,565

Filed: August 5, 1998

For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION
AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND
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Examiner: L. Scheiner

Atty. Dkt. No.: VBLT:002US/SLH

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 5, 2002, finally rejecting claims 1-6.

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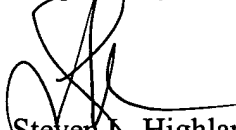
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